

SENATE BILL 304

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44;
Title 53 and Title 68, relative to food.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-206, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(18) Misrepresenting as meat or poultry a product or product ingredient that does not consist entirely of tissue removed from the carcass of slaughtered livestock or poultry.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-209(a), is amended by deleting the language "The commissioner shall, by regulation" and substituting instead the language "Subject to subsection (e), the commissioner shall, by rule".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-209, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) The commissioner shall not promulgate a rule that exempts any person from § 53-7-206(18).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-7-213(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

Subject to the prohibition in § 53-7-209(e), the commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules to:

(A) Establish standards for meat and poultry and for meat food products and poultry products; and

(B) Prescribe labeling and advertising standards and requirements.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.